

Remarks

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Of previously pending claims 1 and 3-32, claims 1-12 and 28-32 were allowed; claims 13-15, 20-22 and 27 were rejected; and claims 16-19 and 23-26 were objected to but were considered allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, the applicant has amended claims 16 and 23 to include the limitations of independent claim 13 and 20 respectively. Claim 27 was amended to change its dependency to claim 23. The applicant canceled claims 13-15 and 20-22.

Therefore, in view of the amendments above and the remarks directed thereto, the applicant respectfully requests that all rejections be removed, that claims 1, 3-12, 16-19 and 23-32 be allowed and the cases be passed to issue. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application in any way, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at (408) 868-4088.

Respectfully submitted,

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